GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Potash Fertilizer
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is acute shortage of potash fertilizer in the country and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the quantum of fertilizers imported in the country during the current Five Year Plan; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for augmenting production of potash fertilizer?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): There is no acute shortage of potash fertilizer in the country. The availability and sales of MOP during 2015-16 were 25.71LMT and 24.23 LMT respectively.

(b): The import of fertilizers during the current Five-Year Plan (2012-17) i.e. from 2012-13 to 2015-16 is as under: -

<Figures in LMT>

Year	Urea	DAP	NPK	MOP#
2012-13	80.44	57.02	4.06	24.95
2013-14	70.88	32.61	3.62	31.80
2014-15	87.49	38.53	2.91	41.97
2015-16	84.74	60.08	6.29	31.02

#MOP includes both for use as direct application as well as NPK manufacture.

(c): India is fully dependent on import for Potassic fertilizers, either in the form of raw material or finished fertilizers. Hence, the Government has been encouraging Indian Companies to establish Joint Ventures abroad in countries which are rich in fertilizer resources for production facilities with buy back arrangements and to enter into long term agreement for supply of fertilizers and fertilizer inputs to India. Further, this Department is also working with the goal of having access to acquisition of the fertilizer raw materials abroad.

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